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REMARKS

Applicants and Examiner had a telephonic conference on September 6, 2005 to discuss claims 1-39. In this conference, the Examiner first indicated that Restriction to one of the two inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicants elected Group I, relating to claims 1-33, with traverse. Affirmation of this election is made herein.

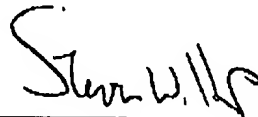
In addition, Applicants agreed to cancel claims 8-10, 20-22, and 29-31 without prejudice. Affirmation of the agreement to cancel claims 8-10, 20-22, and 29-31 is made herein.

Further, and unrelated to the telephonic conference, Applicants have noticed two minor informalities that are corrected herein. First, in claim 1, Applicants have replaced "a" with "an" in ninth line of claim 1. Also, Applicants noticed that claim 25 was listed twice. Applicants have renumbered the claims after the first claim 25 as claims 26-40, respectively. The dependency of the second claim 25 (now claim 26) was corrected to depend from claim 25, not claim 24. Thus, the cancellation of claims 29-31 discussed above was actually a cancellation of claims 30-32.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants affirm that claims 1-7, 11-19, 23-29, 33 and 34 are in proper form and allowable. The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned attorney at (248) 223-9500 if any matters remain unresolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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